

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-18, 24, 25 and 29-40 are pending in this application. Of these claims, claim 6 stands rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, claims 1, 7, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-18, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, claim 25 has been cancelled, and claims 29-40 have been newly added. Based upon the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 6 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, specifically stating that the limitation “said touch-sensitive display device” and “said control data” lacked sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has accordingly amended claim 6 to depend from claim 5, which provides antecedent basis for the limitations at issue. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §112 rejection of claim 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,848,298 issued to Steere, Jr. et al. (“Steere”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection since the ‘298 patent does not disclose each and every element required by these claims.

Specifically, independent claim 1, as amended, requires the supply means to be adapted to supply a signal representing the user-supplied entry from the input device to the personal information device. Independent claim 12 requires that the output means of the second wallet portion provide a user-supplied entry from the input device to the input means of the personal

information device. In contrast, the connector that electrically connects the Steere PCMCIA cards are not disclosed as providing a signal representing the user-supplied entry from one PCMCIA card to the other PCMCIA card. Rather, it appears that the input device of each of the Steere PCMCIA cards only provides a user input signal to that card, and not the other PCMCIA card.

Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1, 7, and 12 are not anticipated by Steere, and as such, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §102 rejections of these claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 5, 6, 8, and 15 as being obvious over Steere, claims 3, 9, 11, 13, and 16 as being obvious over Steere in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,619,396 issued to Gee et al. (“Gee”), and claims 4, 14, 17, 18, and 24 as being obvious over the Steere in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,594,680 issued to Ohdake et al. (“Ohdake”). Claims 17, 18, and 24 have been cancelled from the application. As for the remaining claims 2-6, 8-11, and 13-16, Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, since the Steere, Gee, and Ohdake do not, alone or in combination, disclose, teach, or suggest the combination of elements required by these claims. Specifically, none of these references teach the use of supply means for providing a user-supplied entry signal from an input device located on one portion of a wallet to a PCMCIA card located another portion of the wallet.

Thus, Applicant submits that claims 2-6, 8-11, and 13-17 are not obvious in view of Steere, Gee, and Ohdake, and as such, respectfully request the Examiner to withdrawal the §103 rejections of these claims.

New Claims

Claims 29-40 have been newly added to this application. Applicant submits that these claims find support in the specification, as originally filed, and are patentable over the prior art of record. The Examiner is specifically directed to the claim language requiring the input device to be integrated with the first portion of the wallet, which is clearly shown, and thus supported, in Figs. 9-11 of the present application.

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that, with entry of this amendment, the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to call the undersigned at (949) 567-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Once Amended) A wallet for use with a personal information device, said wallet comprising:

- a first portion including an input device for receiving a user-supplied entry; and
- a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion being adapted to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, said second portion including supply means electrically coupled to said input device and being adapted to [communicate with] supply a signal representing said user-supplied entry to said information device.

6. (Once Amended) The wallet of claim [1] 5, wherein one of said first and second portions includes a memory having pre-stored therein a plurality of sets of display data, each of said sets of display data representing a respective display displayable on a touch-sensitive display device[;], and said control data supplied by said personal information device identifies one of said pre-stored sets of display data and said touch-sensitive display device provides to said user a display corresponding to said one of said pre-stored sets of display data identified by said control data.